United States Foreign Policy on the ' Net

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http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/
State Department. authoritative resource for foreign audiences seeking information about American society, political processes, official U.S. policies and culture.

[Foreign Press Center](http://fpc.state.gov/)
http://fpc.state.gov/
State Department press center in Washington D.C. Provides briefings to the foreign press and publishes the transcripts online. Also provides many useful links to foreign policy documents including Congressional Research Service reports.

[State Department](http://www.state.gov/)
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As the lead U.S. foreign affairs agency, the Department of State helps to shape a freer, more secure, and more prosperous world through formulating, representing, and implementing the President's foreign policy. The Secretary of State, the ranking member of the Cabinet and fourth in line of presidential succession, is the President's principal adviser on foreign policy and the person chiefly responsible for U.S. representation abroad.
[Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs](http://www.state.gov/p/nea/)
http://www.state.gov/p/nea/

[White House](http://www.whitehouse.gov/)
http://www.whitehouse.gov/

[Defense Department](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/)
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The mission of the Department of Defense is to provide the military forces needed to deter war and to protect the security of the U.S. The department's headquarters is at the Pentagon.

The mission of DefenseLINK is to support the overall mission of the Department of Defense by providing official, timely and accurate information about defense policies, organizations, functions and operations. Also, DefenseLINK is the single, unified starting point for finding military information on-line.

[Central Intelligence Agency](http://www.cia.gov/)
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President Truman created the Central Intelligence Agency in 1947 with the signing of the National Security Act. The National Security Act charged the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) with coordinating the nation's intelligence activities and correlating, evaluating and disseminating intelligence, which affects national security.

[National Defense University](http://www.ndu.edu/)
http://www.ndu.edu/
Educates military and civilian leaders in an interagency context ad teaches, conducts research and reaches out around the world. Focuses on strategic thought in the complex national security environment.

[U.S. Army War College](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ssi/)
 http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ssi/
The Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) is the U.S. Army's think tank for the analysis of national security policy and military strategy. SSI's primary function is to provide direct analysis for Army and Department of Defense leadership, and serve as a bridge to the wider strategic community.
[Middle East North Africa
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[U.S. Institute of Peace](http://www.usip.org/)
http://www.usip.org/
The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan federal institution created and funded by Congress to strengthen the nation's capacity to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Middle East Research and Studies engages in a program of meetings, research, and writing on many of the key challenges to peace in the Middle East. Those challenges include the ongoing conflicts between Iraq and the international community, the various Arab-Israeli peace processes, and reversing 20 years of adversarial relations between the United States and Iran.

Think Tanks

[Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](http://www.carnegieendowment.org/)
http://www.carnegieendowment.org/
The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international

engagement by the United States. Founded in 1910, its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results.

[CFR](http://www.cfr.org/): Council on Foreign Relations
http://www.cfr.org/
The Council on Foreign Relations is dedicated to increasing America's understanding of the world and contributing ideas to U.S. foreign policy. The Council accomplishes this mainly by promoting constructive debates and discussions, clarifying world issues, and publishing Foreign Affairs, the leading journal on global issues.

CSIS: Center for Strategic and International Studies
http://www.csis.org/
For four decades, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) has been dedicated to providing world leaders with strategic insights on — and policy solutions to — current and emerging global issues.

Heritage Foundation
http://www.heritage.org/
Founded in 1973, The Heritage Foundation is a research and educational institute - a think tank - whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

RAND
http://www.rand.org/
RAND (a contraction of the term research and development) is the first organization to be called a "think tank." Goal is to help improve policy and decision-making through research and analysis.

Academic

The National Security Archive at George Washington University
http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/
The National Security Archive is an independent non-governmental research institute and library located at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The Archive collects and publishes declassified documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Current Events

Drudge Report
http://www.drudgereport.com/
A collection of news feeds on the Internet, including; Associated Press, Fox News, Reuters, and links to major American newspapers. The site is designed to cater for journalists in particular. Widely read in Washington.

Google News
http://news.google.com/nwshp?hl=en&gl=us

Newseum
http://www.newseum.org/
The world's first interactive museum of news — the Newseum — opened in Arlington, Va., in 1997. Its mission was simple: to help the public and the news media understand one another better.

International Legal Research Tutorial
http://www.law.duke.edu/ilrt/about.html
"This tutorial is designed to teach students research strategies and methodology for researching both print and electronic sources of international legal materials. The tutorial includes review questions and a final review to give students an understanding of how these materials are organized, and to teach them how to locate international legal documents such as treaties, agreements and the documentation of international organizations."

Commonwealth Legal Information Institute:
http://www.commonlii.org/databases.html
467 databases from 52 Commonwealth and common law countries and territories in collaboration with members of the Free Access to Law Movement

World Legal Information Institute
http://www.worldlii.org/
"Free, independent and non-profit access to worldwide law ... 675 databases from 86 countries including 21 international databases in collaboration with members of the Free Access to Law Movement"

LLRX.com Law and Technology
http://www.llrx.com/
Resources for Legal Professionals

Reference

Academic Info
http://www.academicinfo.net/
Compiled by Mike Maddin, formerly of the University of Washington Library. Academic Info is an independent Internet subject directory which seeks to provide access to college and research level Internet resources.

Bubl Link
http://bubl.ac.uk/link/index.html
Selected Internet resources covering all academic subject areas.

Infomine
http://infomine.ucr.edu/
From the University of California, Riverside, with a strong research focus. Resources are catalogued just like a library book collection! Topics are limited to those that support the

programs at UC Riverside, so not all subjects are covered. Try to use the BROWSE SUBJECTS function within each category of Infomine rather than searching by keyword, which is less satisfactory.

Internet Public Library
http://www.ipl.org
This was the first "virtual" public library, run by the School of Information and Library Studies at the University of Michigan. Librarians and student assistants select and organize web resources into "traditional" library topical areas such as a Reference Centre, a Youth Resources section, a Reading Room, and more. The content is mostly American with some international resources. A collection of Internet subject guides available at the site also offers good starting points for research.

Librarian's Index to the Internet
http://lii.org
Resources are selected for their usefulness to the public library user's information needs. A team of 90 volunteer librarians assembles this database of several thousand top-quality resources. Slightly "California-centric" (it's funded by the California State Library) but still very useful for finding starting points on any topic. Tip: If you can't find the right subject heading on the front page, you can get a list of all subject headings by clicking on "Browse All Subjects" located beside the LII logo.

Questia: the World's Largest Online Library
http://www.questia.com
The World's Largest Online Library Of Books
Questia is the first online library that provides 24/7 access to the world's largest online collection of books and journal articles in the humanities and social sciences, plus magazine and newspaper articles. Requires Subscription.

RefDesk.com
http://www.refdesk.com/
Colin Powell's favorite web site.

Resource Discovery Network
http://www.rdn.ac.uk/
A collaborative project from several institutions in the United Kingdom. The RDN consists of several subject based hub sites developed and maintained by specialists in the partner institutions. The site also provides self-paced learning options and instructor support materials through a Virtual Training Suite, which is a series of 'teach yourself' tutorials on the web, with topics such as 'Internet Physicist' and 'Internet Philosopher'.